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SUBJ: THE CIA AND CUNHAL CONVERGE IN OPORTO

1. ON THE EVE OF SCHEDULED PCP RALLY IN OPORTO CRYSTAL PALACE, THE LOCAL WEEKLY A OPINIAO CARRIED AN ARTICLE IN ITS SEPT 25 EDITION ENTITLED "REACTION AND THE CIA-THE MANY ARMS OF THE FASCIST CONSPIRACY." ARTICLE IS FAMILIAR REPRINT OF REPORT FROM EAST GERMAN PEASANT PARTY JOURNAL "BAUERN-ECHO". IT NAMES S. MORGAN OF AVEINIDA DA SUICA, ESTORIL, AS HEAD OF GROUP OF US EMBASSY AGENTS WHICH INCLUDE DALE MILLER PROVENMIRE, JAMES H LAWLER, HILTON L. GRAHAM, CHARLES HOWARD THOMAS, ANTHONY ARREDONDO, ADMIRAL FRANK CAWLEY JR. AND HERBERT S OKUN.

2. A OPINIAO IS THE ONLY NORTHERN PAPER TO OUR KNOWLEDGE TO HAVE EARLIER

RUN THE PHILIP AGEE STORY WHICH APPEAREDAUGUST 21 AND NAMED SOME INDIVIDUALS (PARA 1) AS AGENTS EXCEPT FOR ADMIRAL CAWLEY.

A OPINIAO IS YEAR OLD HOURNAL REPORTEDLY STAFFED BY MOST MILITANT PCP ELEMENTS.

3. LATEST ARTICLE CONCIDES WITH RALLY TAKING PLACE TONIGHT AT CRYSTAL PALACE WITH PARTICIPATION OF ALVARO CUNHAL TO COMMERATE VICTORY OF SEPT 28 (1974) AND IN "DEFENSE OF REVOLUTION".

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BEGINNING WITH MODEST PAGE FOUR ANNOUNCEMENT IN LOCAL DAILIES ON SEPT

23, PCP TURNED UP PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN ONLY SLIGHTLY, WITH A FEW SOUND TRUCKS, SOME FLYERS AND A HANDFUL OF POSTERS, ONE DAY IN ADVANCE OF THE RALLY.

4. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER RALLY WILL TAKE PLACE AS SCHEDULED AND, IF SO, HOW MUCH CONFLICT WILL DEVELOP. STRONG DISRUPTIVE SENTIMENTS ARE EVIDENT AMONG RADICAL LEFTISTS, ANTI-COMMUNISTS ON THE RIGHT AND THE ANGOLAN REFUGEES. THE PCP ITSELF WOULD BENEFIT FROM SERIOUS DISRUPTIONS. IT WOULD NOT HOWEVER BENEFIT FROM ANY LAST MINUTE CANCELLATION WHICH HAPPENED THE LAST TIME CUNHAL TRIED TO COME TO OPORTO FOR AUG 19 RALLY. (NOTE COINCIDENTAL TIMING OF EARLIER A OPINIAO ARTICLE). TWICE IN A ROW WOULD BE TOO MUCH SO THE SHOW WILL PROBABLY GO ON.

5. AFTER DRAFTING THIS CABLE, THE OPORTO CIVIL GOVERNOR DR. BRANDAO CAME ON LOCAL RADIO AT 1:00PM TO URGE PEACEFUL PCP ASSEMBLY TONITE WHICH IS THE "RIGHT OF ALL POLITICAL PARTIES". BRANDAO SAID HE WAS MAKING THIS REQUEST BECAUSE FLYERS HAD APPEARED IN OPORTO CALLING ON PEOPLE TO FORCEABLY BREAK UP THE CRYSTAL PALACE RALLY. THE GOVERNOR MADE NO REFERENCE TO AUTHORSHIP OF FLYERS. BRANDAO'S STATEMENT TOGETHER WITH HEAVY RAIN MAY HOLD DOWN LEVEL OF VIOLENCE BUT THERE IS TOO MUCH POLITICAL MILITANCE IN OPORTO TO CONSIDER AN INCIDENT-FREE RALLY ANYTHING BUT REMOTE POSSIBILITY.

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